

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method in a consumer system with a processor and a memory for determining whether an application is misbehaving, the method comprising:

when installing an application,

establishing a limit on services of a service provider that the application is authorized to use based on published requirements of the application, the service provider being a computer system that is remote to the consumer system;

determining by the processor whether the application is authorized to request services of the service provider by asking the service provider if the application is authorized to use the service provider, wherein the service provider determines that the application is not authorized based on notifications received from other consumer systems indicating that the application is misbehaving;

when it is determined that the application is authorized to request services of the service provider, installing the application; and

when it is determined that the application is not authorized to request services of the service provider, not installing the application; and

under control of a runtime environment after the application has been installed, providing the application with access to an indication of the established limit so that when the application can track usage of the service to not exceed the established limit ;

when the application requests a service of the service provider,

determining by the processor whether the request would exceed the established limit that is based on published requirements of the application;

when it is determined that the request would not exceed the established limit, requesting the service provider to provide the service; and

when it is determined that the request would exceed the established limit,

notifying the service provider that the application is misbehaving; and

prohibiting execution of the application on the consumer system.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the prohibiting includes uninstalling the application.

3-4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the service provider aggregates notifications provided by different consumer systems to determine whether the application should be authorized to request services of the service provider.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the service provider aggregates notifications provided by the consumer system to determine whether the consumer system should not be authorized to request services of the service provider.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein multiple service providers can provide equivalent services and the application can requests services one of those service providers as designated by the consumer system.

10.-30. (Canceled)